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# Earthquake drill conducted on base flightline

By Capt. Warren Comer  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government held its annual Disaster Preparedness Drill at Yokota Air Base and six other locations across the Kanto Plain on Sept. 1.

The exercise prepares emergency services personnel on how to respond to a major earthquake if it hits the region.

Participants in the exercise included approximately 200 officials from TMG, Japan Air and Ground Self-Defense Forces, the Tokyo Fire Department, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and the Japanese Red Cross.

This drill is held annually on this day not only to help prepare the Tokyo region for any future disasters, but to also commemorate the Great Kanto Earthquake of Sept. 1, 1923, which registered 8.3 on the Richter Scale and left more than 140,000 dead, hundreds of thousands homeless and much of Tokyo and its outlying communities



photo by Kaori Matsukasa

**Japan Air and Ground Self-Defense Forces, the Tokyo Fire Department, the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department, the Japanese Red Cross, and officials from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government joined forces during an exercise held on the base flightline Sept. 1. Emergency responders brought aircraft and medical supplies to help simulate a response to a major earthquake striking the Tokyo region.**

devastated.

Tokyo Governor Shinataro Ishihara oversaw the exercise at Yokota. He was greeted by Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th Airlift Wing commander, who also watched the proceedings of the exercise as Japanese C-1 and C-

130 cargo aircraft as well as a CH-47 and emergency services helicopters landed at the base to conduct the drill.

While members of the 374th AW do not participate in the drill, the coordination and preparation before the exercise

shows how the Japan Self Defense Force, U.S. Air Force and Japanese government have a strong working relationship making these types of exercises possible.

Yokota has hosted this drill since 2001.

## Responding to great disasters

By Robert B. Sligh, Ph.D.  
374th Airlift Wing historian

It was just before noon on Saturday, Sept. 1, 1923, when the earth began to shake.

The shocks came in waves that some people thought went on for ten minutes, but the official record showed that it lasted four agonizing minutes.

In that short time the 8.3 magnitude earthquake destroyed the port of Yokohama and flattened areas of Tokyo and surrounding prefectures. Approximately 200 aftershocks followed over the next few days. Nearly 100,000 people perished

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# Logistics readiness squadron chief awarded Bronze Star

## Wing commander, Airmen celebrate accomplishment with reflection, thanks

By Capt. Warren Comer  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A Bronze Star medal was awarded to a chief master sergeant from the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron after serving as the enlisted manager and first sergeant for the 494th Truck Company during a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chief Master Sergeant Carl Hunsinger, now the 374th Mission Support Group superintendent, lead the Air Force's northernmost convoy unit in Iraq performing U.S. Army combat missions to deliver much-needed supplies to friendly military and civilian forces throughout the country.

"It's my pleasure to be here today.

This is truly an important occasion," said Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th Airlift Wing commander and presiding officer of the medal presentation ceremony. "This decoration (Bronze Star) is a way we recognize outstanding performance during ground combat operations."

The Bronze Star medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement, not involving aerial flight, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.

During his deployment, Chief Hunsinger dedicated himself to improving the protection of Airmen involved in convoy duties. His oversight enhanced the protection of 505 convoy missions that transported over 957,000 freight

tons of cargo and 800 passengers over a total of 2.9 million miles traveled.

"Chief Hunsinger excelled. It didn't matter what the need was, he found a way," said Colonel Goodwin. "His unit conducted hundreds and hundreds of convoy operations and he led many of them from the front."

The chief also commanded two missions where two mangled trucks and the remains of their comrades who had been killed were recovered without further losses.

He was also the battalion commander's first choice for command sergeant major duties, representing the 17th Corps Support Battalion during a

myriad of duties as well as providing input to greatly enhance leadership goals.

"None of us can do this by themselves. It takes a team," said Chief Hunsinger. "We talk a lot about the Wingman Program. Over there (Iraq), we call them Battle Buddies. Everything we say here rings true when you're over there."

The chief also said that much of the support he received during his eight month deployment came from his family as well as from members from Yokota Air Base that mailed him phone cards to help him get through the stresses of deployment.



photo by Airman Ladonnis Crump

**Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th Airlift Wing commander, pins a Bronze Star on Chief Master Sgt. Carl Hunsinger Aug. 31.**

**ORI countdown: 184 days**

## Team Yokota officers hoist up pride, fresh Old Glory during Mt. Fuji trek

By Maj. Eric Hilliard  
5th Air Force Public Affairs

On a cold and rainy night on top of Mount Fuji, two lieutenants brought new life to Old Glory.

First Lt. Beth Welliver, 20th Operational Weather Squadron, and her husband 1st Lt. Terry Welliver, from the 374th Communications Squadron, made the climb to the top of Mt Fuji with one goal in mind: to find the old American flag located on the mountain and replace it with a new one.

"It was actually by chance that Terry and I found the flag," said Lieutenant Welliver. "We were on the lookout for the flag as we climbed, and we remembered seeing one flying over one of the stations last year when we went up. However, the weather conditions Saturday night at mid-mountain were rainy and a little windy, so no flags were flying at any of the stations along the route. We stopped at one of the eighth stations to get the stamp for our hiking sticks and bought a snack.

"While we were huddled against the hut trying to stay dry and eat our snack, I glanced over and caught a glimpse of an American flag wrapped up in a burlap sack at the bottom of a flag pole. In poor weather conditions they bring the flags down and wrap them up for protection. With the help of my husband's trusty Leatherman, we took the old flag down and the new one is flying," she said.

The request to have the flag replaced came from Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, commander of U.S. Forces-Japan and Fifth Air Force.

"I was proud to see the American flag displayed but the the flag was becoming very worn because of the climate conditions on the mountain," he said. "With the number of people from around the world who come to the most famous land mark in Japan with the goal of reaching the top and taking in the wonderful sights, I did not want our flag to be an eyesore to anyone.

"I sincerely appreciate the lieutenants replacing our American flag. Our Japan and U.S. security alliance remains strong because of the tremendous respect and friendship we share between our countries and for our two nations' flags."



photo by 1st Lt. Terry Welliver

**First Lt. Beth Welliver, 20th Operational Weather Squadron, displays Fuji's new U.S. flag.**

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in the quake, buried in the rubble of houses and shops. Around 40,000 others died in the fires that erupted in the wake of the quake, some suffocated or burned as they lay trapped in the debris.

The unknown story is the part the United States played after the Great Kanto Earthquake.

Although the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo was destroyed, American diplomats, unlike other nations' staffs, stayed at their post helping not only Americans but other foreigners as well. They also worked with the Imperial Government to bring relief to the Japanese—the first nation to do so.

At the same time, former President Calvin Coolidge offered the nation's heartfelt sympathy to the Emperor, the first nation to do so. But the United States was doing more than just offering sympathy.

In the Philippines, Army and Navy units began preparing supplies such as food, medicine, and tents. A small fleet of American ships arrived at Yokohama on Sept. 6, 1923 bringing tons of supplies. By Sept. 10, 1923, this combined force had a hospital up and running, which it turned over to the Japanese Red Cross. In all, the Army and Navy would deliver \$9 mil-

lion in supplies (\$97 million in today's terms).

In the United States, the American people responded to the disaster with donations of supplies and, more importantly, funds to buy supplies in Japan. Cleveland, Ohio, for example, contributed \$125,000. The American Legion gave \$3,000. Washington D.C. raised over \$10,000 in one day. In all, the American Red Cross contributed \$1.1 million in cash to the Japanese Red

Cross, purchased \$5.5 million supplies in Japan, and at the end of October had another \$3 million, which was eventually used to endow a permanent hospital to serve the Japanese people.

Fortunately, there hasn't been a trembler of the magnitude of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. But the

spirit of 1923 lives on. In 1995 the 374th Airlift Wing flew relief supplies to Kobe. It did the same last year in the wake of the Niigata quake.

(The author would like to thank the national headquarters and Yokota chapter of the American Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross, and Lt. Col. Robin Grantham for information used in this article.)

**More active, Guard troops join Katrina response:** WASHINGTON (AFPN) – President Bush announced Sept. 4 the deployment of 7,000 more active-duty forces to support hurricane relief operations along the hurricane-devastated Gulf Coast.

There, they will join 5,000 other active forces and almost 22,000 National Guardsmen already on the ground evacuating stranded people, getting food, water and other supplies to victims and relief agencies and supporting security efforts.

"Hour by hour, the situation on the ground is improving. Yet the enormity of the task requires more resources and more troops," the president said.

## NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE & PACAF

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**Holiday greetings teams begin worldwide tour:** SAN ANTONIO – Four teams of broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service here will begin their annual worldwide holiday greetings tour Sept. 10, giving thousands of servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas a chance to send a message to their families back home.

The teams will visit about 70 overseas installations in 11 countries, Guam and Alaska to gather about 15,000 individual messages. The team will visit Yokota's Enlisted Club Oct. 3.

**CLEP testing saves money, time, headaches:** LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) – There is

a way for Airmen to earn their degrees using knowledge gained from work and personal study, while at the same time saving money and shortening time spent in classes.

The College Level Examination Program and the Excelsior examination program are available to servicemembers in pursuit of a college degree.

These programs save students time, money and encompass a large variety of courses.

Call the base training and education center at 225-7337.

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# Propeller repair section achieves 100 percent readiness

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The propeller repair section of the 374th Maintenance Squadron's Pacific Air Forces' C-130 Engine Region Repair Center works hard and the results show it.

Since Aug. 18 they have maintained a 100-percent readiness rate for all propellers.

"The last time we were at 100 percent was four years ago," said Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Baguinon, ERRC production superintendent. The propeller repair section's mission is to service all the C-130s propeller units here and for Kadena. One-hundred percent ready means that all the propellers on the spare-line and those mounted on the C-130's are in full operating condition.

Adding to this accomplishment is that a Time Compliance Technical Order was recently completed on the entire propeller fleet even though 50 percent of the section is in five-level upgrade training.

"The TCTO required an immediate fix on the propeller blade fairings for specific models," said Senior Airman Brandon Benson, crew leader for the shop.

"The blade fairings were oversized by a few thousands of an inch and were rubbing on the T56 turbo prop engine cowlings. We had to shave them down manually, some while still mounted on the aircraft."

The propeller repair section attributes much of their current mission success to the implementation of Reliability Centered Maintenance, or going beyond normal repair

requirements to prevent premature engine failures. Senior Master Sgt. Ricardo Chapa, ERRC flight chief said, "We go above minimum technical order requirements, mating each propeller to a C-130 engine for a test run to ensure operability after maintenance."

Besides the implementation of RCM procedures, the section relies on several other agencies for support. "For example, Tim Jarvis, the Rolls-Royce representative assigned to the Wing is our technical advisor," Senior Airman Benson said. "Rolls Royce is the manufacturer of C-130 engines, and Mr. Jarvice is our 'go-to' person for hard-to fix issues."

"One team, one fight!" is our motto," said Sergeant Baguinon, who added their mission could not be accomplished without support from

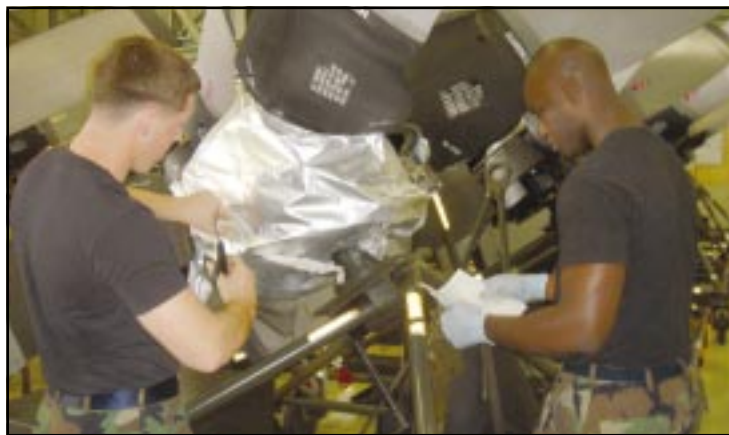


photo by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

**Senior Airman Brandon Benson (right) and Airman 1st Class Jonathan Peterson prepare a C-130 propeller unit on the spare-line for shipment.**

flight line agencies and other flights.

One-hundred percent propeller readiness is not the "norm" for the section—one propeller down for

maintenance would make the rate dip. However, the propeller repair section's goal is to retain a high level of efficiency.

## Hispanic heritage month brings opportunities to celebrate culture

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 to recognize the many contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout history and today.

The celebration kicks off Sept. 17 at the Yokota Community Center with a cake-cutting ceremony at noon.

Throughout the period, the base library

will display cultural items and the YCC will display and photographs of children participating in cultural dances and events.

Community members can enjoy the Mexican buffet at the Enlisted Club Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Members can also enjoy Latin night from 8 p.m. to closing Sept. 16 at the Officers' Club and from 8 p.m. to closing Sept. 17 at the Enlisted Club.

The Department of Defense Schools will

offer themed projects and the Base Library will hold a themed story time Sept. 17 from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be a 5K Run Sept. 23 starting at 7 a.m. at Yokota Field.

Events continue with a luncheon at the Enlisted Club Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Mexican buffet, Hispanic dance performances, childrens dance performances and a guest speaker. Look for information about ticket purchases in the next *Fuji Flyer*.

A family block party will be held Oct. 1 at

Snyder Field (Taiyo Recreation Center for inclement weather) from noon to 6 p.m. Sample Hispanic food, music and children's games. Adults try their skills in a dominoes tournament.

Learn to prepare Hispanic foods during a cooing class at the Family Support Center Oct. 8 from noon to 1 p.m.

The month-long celebration finishes with a Latin night out at the Enlisted Club Oct. 15 from 9 p.m. to closing. Latin music will be provided by band and DJ for members to enjoy.

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# Leadership: Taking a closer look at integrity, equity and personal commitment

By Lt. Col. Wayne Patterson  
374th Contracting Squadron

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower said, "Leadership is getting people to do what you want, when you want, the way you want it done ... because they want to."

Sounds easy, but how do you make that happen? What are the components of leadership that lead to those kinds of results?

I believe leadership is a quality – a quality within an individual which must be demonstrated to be effective. And like many qualities, it is deeply rooted in the value system of the individual. In my own personal leadership philosophy, I define this quality in three broad categories: personal commitment, integrity and equity. These are all, in my mind, attributes essential to leadership.

## √ Personal commitment

We cannot expect to lead others to commit themselves to a job, mission or way of life if we have not demonstrated our own personal commitment. Good leaders show clearly in their lifestyle and daily actions that they are committed to their organization, live by the organization's standards of conduct, and are willing to work as hard as anyone to accomplish the organization's mission. Most authors agree on one thing: to be a good leader you must "know your stuff."

While being competent in your specialty is an important element of personal commitment, it cannot stop there. People get a clue as to what you expect of them by observing what you demand of yourself.

## √ Integrity

Another trait, which develops followers because they see a leader worthy of being followed, is integrity. Integrity, to me, is rooted in our personal value system and displayed by the consistency of our behavior and actions. It is a vital element of leadership, and an Air Force core value.

Integrity can be demonstrated in a variety of ways: honesty, "telling it like it is," acknowledging other peoples' good ideas and work. Sometimes it is giving honest performance feedback – telling someone that he or she is not measuring up. Other times it is admitting we made a mistake – telling our boss about something in our area of responsibility that went wrong. Integrity is doing what is right, being able to look yourself in the mirror at night before going to bed and having no regrets.

Our workers watch what we do and listen to what we say. They have an incredible network and will find out in no time if we've stood up for what is right or told the truth about an issue. If they do

not have confidence in our integrity, we cannot succeed as leaders. While they watch our personal commitment and measure our integrity, they also look for us to be fair. This then leads to the third element of leadership that I call equity.

## √ Equity

In the military we are not all equal in grade, which is measured by GS-this or E-that and O-something-or-other, and so forth. But, we are all equal as individuals. I would argue that a good leader treats people as people, not by the grade they wear on their sleeve or shoulder, or by their pay scale. We should respect others views, ideas and rights equally.

Another aspect of equity is when we delegate; we should trust our people will do the job. The good leader doesn't keep checking up on every little detail. He or she puts trust in people—you might be surprised to see

what they come up with. What about when things don't go right and the leader has the overall responsibility? A good leader will

take the blame, and give credit.

One of the hardest and most important areas for the leader to maintain equity in is discipline. By that I do not mean giving the same punishment for the same crimes and infractions; rather I mean being fair and consistent. It can be difficult to envision discipline as helping people, but that really can be the result. Often prompt discipline can help a person mature, straighten up, become productive, or whatever else you want to call it.

I believe then, that our own personal leadership style and leadership qualities start with those personal core values which are constantly growing and taking

shape as we mature. Our life experiences and lessons learned through successes and failures all combine to shape our leadership style. While different situations may call for us to demonstrate different leadership styles,

our overall philosophical approach will not change dramatically, because it is rooted in our basic core values.



"Leadership is getting people to do what you want, when you want, the way you want it done ... because they want to."

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower

## Yes, we can still pray in the Air Force

By Lt. Col. Gary Linsky  
374th Airlift Wing chaplain

Readers of the "Washington Post," "New York Times" and "Stars and Stripes" this past week were confronted with allegations of disharmony within the Air Force chaplain service.

Timed with the release of "Interim Guidelines Concerning the Free Exercise of Religion in the Air Force" on Aug. 29, some may rightly wonder just what's going on and how this affects us at Yokota.

Thankfully, the issues raised by the media that were precipitated by investigations at the Air Force Academy simply have not surfaced here where there is both great unity and diversity within the chaplain service. But, like a pebble thrown into a pond, the ripple effect has reached us via the "Interim Guidelines."

Those attending last week's wing staff meeting noticed their primary effect—no more prayer at the beginning of these weekly meetings, but, instead, some general thoughts for the day offered by the chaplain.

In an attempt to reaffirm the Air Force core value of "service before self," our

senior leadership has given tactical advice from a strategic level because of concern that some may feel that religion has been imposed upon them at events or circumstances where it does not necessarily need to play a role.

This actually goes to the heart of the reason for the chaplain service in today's military—to ensure the free exercise of religion by its members, a Constitutional prerogative. Just as America continues to seek an appropriate balance between the separation of church and state, so do commanders and military chaplains. Thus, while the interim guidelines suggest that prayers at staff meetings are not generally appropriate, they also reiterate the need for leadership to accommodate "worship services, holy days, Sabbath observances, dietary requirements, medical issues and apparel."

Ultimately, the guidelines appeal to "common sense—and mutual respect" as the best means of applying outward demonstrations of religion or faith in the public forum. They also imply that individual members should have the courage to request accommodation in these

circumstances instead of being fearful of their supervisors as is often the case.

Faith, while deeply personal, always has a communitarian perspective. It can't be neatly packaged and kept solely to oneself. Instead, when it is truly alive and active, a person is motivated to share the joy and hope it inspires.

But faith is also a mystery that cannot always be put into words. The actions of one inspired by the love of God are often far more important than his or her words. Prayer therefore remains very much allowed in the Air Force. It may not always be explicit, such as in the offerings of public prayer at staff meetings, but instead implied by the very service and interior prayers we offer as well as at our religious services.

Here at Yokota and throughout the Air Force, your chaplains will continue to strive to "glorify God, honor airmen and serve all." We may not pray at every function, but our presence will, we hope, always be a visible reminder of the holy. If all of us who claim to be persons of faith strive to be so, the healthy climate we are blessed to have experienced here will be felt everywhere we serve.



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## DUI Prevention

Aug. 3 – Aug. 23	0
Total DUIs in August	0
Total in 2005	6

## Punishment

.049 or less = car parked for 12 hours
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0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

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# Mail flows fast with deployment swaps

## *Yokota Airman helps build morale through work at two-person post office*

By Master Sgt. Rich Romero  
40th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs



**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** – As Air Expeditionary Force 5/6 starts swapping out with AEF 7/8 this week, the

pace picks up in one small two-person office.

While their work space might be small, they make a huge contribution to the morale of all Airmen at this forward operating location. The Camp Justice post office delivers goodies from home and helps lighten the load for people leaving.

It even offers free postage for items 13 ounces or less. The free mail is authorized by combatant commander request for areas where the U.S. armed forces are engaged in temporary operations under arduous conditions or involved in armed conflict with a hostile foreign force, according to the Defense Department manual covering the authorization.

Staff Sgt. Angelina Clayborn, the postmaster here, said people should make sure that the mail has both to and from addresses with “FREE” written in place of the stamp.

“There’s also a drop box in the services office for people to drop off mail after duty hours or if they don’t want to stand in line,” said the NCO deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Sergeant Clayborn, who is a postal clerk at her home station, and Airman 1st Class Adrian Alcantara, a deployed postal clerk, offer many of the same services Airmen find at home. Since the postal staff doesn’t have a safe and they share their small work space with finance, some services they just can’t provide, such as express mail.

“It’s probably easier to say what we can do as compared to what we can’t,” Sergeant Clayborn said. “We offer certified, space-available and priority mail service. We don’t have money orders.

We only offer registered mail to two organizations because we don’t have a safe. Otherwise, people need to go to the Navy post office for registered mail. There’s really no need for stamps, but we even have them.”

Priority mail is the top service provided from this APO and takes approximately seven to 14 days for delivery. This class of mail goes by air to its destination. Space-available mail is slower, but less costly. This class of mail moves via ground transportation from San Francisco and can take upward of 30 days from a deployed location. Military Postal Service is free, but only to overseas military locations.

Tucked away in Liberty Hall, the post office receives about 2,500 pounds of inbound mail and 600 pounds of outbound mail a week, said Airman Alcantara, a postal clerk here who works in finance at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

He said he doesn’t really know how he wound up deploying as a postal clerk. Originally, he volunteered for third-country national escort duty “to the desert,” he said. “They offered me this, and I said I would take it. I’ve pretty much been in on-the-job training since I got here. Even with three weeks to go, I’m still learning.”

The experience has him even thinking about applying for a special-duty assignment as a postal clerk once he returns to Minot AFB.

“If for no other reason so I can get overseas,” said the San Antonio, Texas, native. “I’ve heard people can get assignments to Australia. That would be sweet.”

Mail arrives at this location only by military air and is initially turned over to the Navy to be separated and screened for force protection measures. Once cleared, Airman Alcantara picks up the mail and returns to the Camp Justice post office.

“We separate it here by unit, pitch letter class and write up all of the accountable mail,” said Sergeant Clayborn. “Once

done, an e-mail is sent out to unit mail clerks.”

Unlike most military post offices, the staff depends on unit mail clerks to pick up the mail.

“It would be different if we had mail boxes, but we don’t,” Sergeant Clayborn said. “Plus, we have such a small office; this cuts down on traffic. Only the unit representatives can pick up the mail, then they deliver it to the addressee.”

Other differences people don’t necessarily come across normally are the use of customs declaration forms, priority labels and flat-rate boxes. Usually, packages sent APO to APO or to the United States require the green customs form (if available). The white forms are for mail sent internationally to non-U.S. territories, and used in place of the green forms when none are in stock. Sergeant Clayborn explained that APO-APO is considered stateside, hence the use of the green form.

She also said if customers use priority labels and stickers, they have to pay

the priority rate. The flat-rate boxes cost \$7.70 to mail, regardless of how heavy or how light, whereas the cost of priority mail is based upon weight.

The CJ post office recently extended its operating hours to 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, primarily by request of shift workers, Sergeant Clayborn said.

A postal clerk for the past two years, she also said working at the post office here is like a get-away for her.

“We’re so busy at home station, we actually have a night shift,” she said. “We don’t have the lines that you get at home station. Here we’re dealing with one or two customers at any given time and mail clerks. Otherwise, we’re mostly answering questions and outprocessing people. It’s a nice break.”

For the roughly 650 deployed with the 40th AEG here, it’s a critical link to the outside world as well as friends and family.



photo by Master Sgt. Rich Romero

**Staff Sgt. Angelina Clayborn, 40th Air Expeditionary Group postmaster, completes a U.S. customs form to affix it to an outgoing package. Sergeant Clayborn is deployed to the forward operating location from Yokota in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.**

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## Off base

**Camp Tachikawa open house:** The camp is hosting a disaster prevention fair where numerous Japanese emergency services will demonstrate their capabilities Oct. 16. It is located at the Tachikawa Fire station, which can be reached by taking a bus from the JR Chou/Ome Line's Tachikawa Station.

**Tama City Center's Halloween events:** Celebrate this holiday with costume contests, trick-or-treating, flea market and stage shows in Tama City Oct. 28 to 30. Schedules and directions are available at the Yujo Recreation Center.

**MoriTown mall Halloween flea market:** Located 10 minutes out the east housing gate, this mall is looking for people to participate in its annual Halloween festivities. Call 090-4244-3914.

## On base

### Movies

**Today** – *High Tension*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *The Cave*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday** – *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *The Island*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *The Cave*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday** – *Fantastic Four*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *The Cave*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday** – *The Cave*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** – *The Island*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** – *The Cave*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

**Thursday** – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

### Volunteers needed

The Family Support Center is seeking volunteers to test the base non-combatant evacuation process here Sept. 12. Spouses and children are encouraged to volunteer and learn more about these operations. Call 225-8725.

### Education

Air Force spouse tuition assistance applications are available Tuesday for Term II. Applications must be returned by Sept. 23. Call Base Training and Education Services at 225-7337.

### Contest

The Air Force's premier entertainment group, Tops In Blue, is hosting a "Share The Music" contest through the end of October. Prizes include iPods and more. Visit <http://www.topsinblue.com>.

### Sales

The base commissary is hosting its semi-annual sale Sept. 17 and 18.

DRMO Sagami is hosting a sale Thursday beginning at 8 a.m. The sale includes furniture, golf carts, cargo trucks, sedans, scooters, cameras and more. Call 268-4148.

The Officers' Club is hosting an Asian bazaar sale today and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Enlisted Club is hosting a furniture bazaar in the Top 3 Lounge Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Meeting

The Yokota's chapter of Toastmasters International\* meets at the base library every second and fourth Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The chapter helps members conquer their fears of public speaking.

### Kanto Shuttle

The 374th Services Division is now providing a shuttle between the Kanto Lodge and AMC terminal six hours before departures and as required after arrivals.

### Tama Express

A services shuttle will offer weekend routes to Tama Hills beginning Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Roundtrip tickets can be purchased at the Yujo Recreation Center for \$5 per person. Call 225-7720.

### POW/MIA ceremony

A prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action ceremony will be held Sept. 16 beginning at 4 p.m. in front of the 374th Airlift Wing headquarters building. The ceremony is open to the public.

### Yokota Idol

The Enlisted Club is hosting Yokota Idol on Oct. 8. Community members can sign up through Sept. 30 at the club to participate. Prizes include \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. Call 227-8820.

### Overrun closure

The south overrun will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles beginning Sunday night and through the exercise.

### Give Parents a Break

The Child Development Centers are hosting a "Give Parents a Break" program Sept. 24. Applications and paperwork are due by Sept. 16 to participate. Call 225-225-8810.

### Auction

The Yokota Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization\* is sponsoring an auction Sept. 24 at the school's gym. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs only \$5 per person. Call 225-9671.

### Instructors needed

The Air Force Junior ROTC program needs 60 instructors for high schools throughout the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah and Washington. Call DSN 493-5275.

### Photo contest

The Yokota Arts and Crafts Center is hosting this second annual contest Wednesday through Oct. 1. Entry is free and photos

## Samurai Warrior



## of the Week



**Senior Airman Christopher Blankenship**

Senior Airman Christopher Blankenship, 374th Mission Support Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the Bushido qualities of sympathy toward all people, a sense of justice and honesty and sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, and absolutely loyal to his superior.

Airman Blankenship is a personnel readiness unit technician. His dedication to duty and unselfishness led to the deployment processing of 12 personnel in less than three hours in support of the Russian submarine relief effort. Additionally, he has received and processed more than 80 new deployment taskings. Airman Blankenship also has volunteered to be a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate and is a member of the Yokota Junior Enlisted Council.

must be in eight-inch by 10-inch format with a maximum of two entries per person per category. Call 225-8133.

### Rock show

The Enlisted Club is hosting the Chick Magnets and South Delta, an all-girl hard rock band, Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Spectrum Lounge. The show is free for members, and open to adults only. Call 227-8820.

### Library contest

The base library is supporting the Pacific Air Forces 3rd Annual Info Quest contest throughout September. Prizes include an iPod shuffle. The contest is open to all eligible library cardholders. Call 225-7490.

### Chapel events

The Protestant Singles of the Chapel\* is beginning a study about evolution, creationism, and science taught by Adam White from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the building behind the main chapel. All base singles are invited to

attend. Free food and music are also offered. Call 225-7009.

The Protestant Women of the Chapel\* is kicking off its fall season with new Bible studies Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Traditional Chapel and 6:30 p.m. at the base library. Call 225-7009.

### Chapel Schedule

#### Traditional (West) Chapel

*Catholic:* Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*Protestant:* Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

#### Contemporary (East) Chapel

*Protestant:* Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009.

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“Quotes”  
& Things

“Well, he’ll have to  
call up a blacksmith.”  
Yogi Berra,  
after Billy Martin left  
his keys in the car

**Coaches needed:** The youth sports program is seeking coaches for the boy’s soccer program for ages 13 to 15. Call 225-7021.

**Football Frenzy:** The Enlisted Club is hosting this party every Monday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Shogun Lounge. The party includes prizes, beverage specials and a free buffet. Call 227-8820.

**Golf:** The Tama Hills Golf Club Championship is Sept. 24 and 25, and Oct. 1 and 2. The cost is \$65 and includes cart rental, four lunches, prize drawings and more. Call 225-8815.

**Outdoor Rec:** The base outdoor recreation center is offering the following trips: rock climbing at Mt. Takatori Sept. 21; Sabiki-style ocean fishing at Odawara’s Sagami Bay Sept. 24; advanced lure fishing at Odawara’s Sagami Bay Sept. 24; and downhill mountain biking at Mt. Takamine Sept. 28. Call 225-4552.

**Aero Club:** The club offers sight-seeing flights, ground school and flying lessons all with certified professionals. The club is conducting its monthly safety meeting Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Enlisted Club. Call 225-8988.

**Bowling:** A men’s and women’s nine-pin no-tap tournament Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. Sign up by 3:30 p.m. that day. Call 225-7615. Tomodachi Lanes will be closed from Sept. 30 until the new bowling facility opens in January 2006. Call 225-7191.

AF Academy’s Falcons rally late to win opener

By Wayne Amann  
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

SEATTLE (AFPN) – For more than three quarters Air Force was, arguably, "sleepless in Seattle." The Falcons trailed the University of Washington Huskies, 17-6, nearly five minutes into the fourth quarter and needed a wake-up call in their 50th season opener.

They got it from backup quarterback Adam Fitch.

Less than one minute after Washington built its 11-point lead, the senior signal caller replaced sophomore starter Shaun Carney for the second time in the game to direct offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen’s no-huddle attack. Four plays later, Fitch found wide receiver Greg Kirkwood behind two defenders down the right sideline for an eyebrow-raising 84-yard touchdown strike, the fourth longest in Academy history.

Air Force refused to hit the snooze button.

A re-energized Falcon defense stalled Washington at its own 48-yard line, forcing a punt down to the Air Force 17 with 5:55 left in the game. Carney returned to engineer a 14-play drive, capped by a 1-yard quarterback keeper with



photo by 2nd Lt. John Ross

**Air Force Academy Falcons’ halfback Chad Hall eyes University of Washington Huskies’ free safety Dashon Goldson during the academy’s season opener Sept. 3 at Qwest Field. The Falcons won 20-17.**

34 seconds left, for a scintillating come-from-behind, 20-17, win Sept. 3 at Qwest Field, home of the NFL’s Seattle Seahawks.

“You can never rule a Falcon out,” Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry said. “Rallying from 11 points down and making the plays we had to make, I can’t say enough about the character on this team.”

The Falcon’s offense struggled with adversity in the first half thanks to fumbles that killed two drives deep in Huskies territory.

On Air Force’s first possession Carney guided his team from its

own 31-yard line to the Washington 20 where he coughed up the ball.

The Huskies took the gift and reeled off an eight play, 57-yard drive ending in a 40-yard Evan Knudson field goal and a 3-0 lead.

After the Falcon defense stiffened on a fourth down and 2-yard situation at its own 16-yard line late in the first quarter, Fitch subbed for Carney in the no-huddle scheme.

The next time Air Force got its hands on the ball, with Carney back at the helm, they held on to it long enough for place kicker Scott Eberle to connect on a 41-yard field

goal. His first career three-point attempt, with 39 seconds left, tied the score at halftime.

Two Washington touchdowns were sandwiched around Eberle’s second Air Force field goal, a 27-yarder, with 1:05 left in the third. The Winona, Minn., senior tacked on a pair of extra points to post a game-high eight points.

Kirkwood’s momentum-swinging touchdown catch was one of his game-high six receptions for 134 yards, which more than made up for the kickoff he bobbled out of bounds at the 1-yard line four plays earlier.

Intramural golf rack-n-stack

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB	Upcoming matches ...
730 AMS	7	0	1	.938	Won 1	42	6	—	⇒ Sept. 22 at Tama Golf
LRS	6	2	0	.750	Won 4	35	16	1.5	MDG at LRS
AFN	5	1	2	.750	Won 3	34	18	1.5	MXS at AFN
COM	4	1	1	.750	Won 1	28	11	2.0	MOS at A CES
SVS	3	1	3	.643	Lost-1	27	16	2.5	SFS at DSRJ
MOS	4	3	1	.563	Lost-1	23	26	3.0	730 AMS at SVS
MDG	3	3	2	.500	Won 1	30	21	3.5	DFAS/CPTS at OPS GROUP
A CES	3	3	1	.500	Won 2	27	23	3.5	CS at STARS & STRIPES
SFS	1	1	5	.500		21	21	3.5	⇒ Sept. 30 at Tama Golf
DET 2 PACAF	2	4	2	.375		21	28	4.5	SVS at CS
OPS GROUP	2	4	1	.357		14	30	4.5	STARS & STRIPES at DFAS/CPTS
DFAS/CPTS	2	5	0	.286	Lost-3	13	31	5.0	LRS at MXS
DSRJ	1	5	1	.214	Lost-3	10	33	5.5	AFN at 730 AMS
MXS	1	5	0	.167	Lost-2	11	27	5.5	DSRJ at MOS
STARS & STRIPES	1	7	0	.125	Lost-4	12	41	6.5	DET 2 PACAF at MDG
									OPS GROUP at SFS

current as of Tuesday

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